

for import of almonds only for a value of Rs. 20,000/- irrespective of the value of dry fruit licences. The issue of dry fruits and almonds licences would be subject to evidence of having made exports to the extent of the entire value of the licences issued during the previous licensing year. However, this provision for grant of import licences for dry fruits and almonds was deleted *vide* Public Notice No. 143-ITC (PN)/90-93 dated 28.3.1991. On a review of the policy, with effect from 20.9.1991, it was decided to grant Special Licence, subject to a maximum of Rupee equivalent to US \$ 1300 during 1991-92 to all those who obtained licences for import of almonds in 1990-92 in terms of the provision in Para 166 of the Policy and fulfilled the export obligation in respect of such licences. These licences are not transferable or saleable. The Government is not aware of any violation of this policy through sale of such licenses.

#### **Construction of Varapuzha Bridge in Cochin**

899. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the acquisition procedure for the land for construction of bridge on national Highway No. 17 at Varapuzha in Ernakulam district of Kerala has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this project; and

(d) the time by which the construction work is proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Land acquisition for the construction of Varapuzha bridge

and its approaches has not yet been completed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 24.43 crores. Since land acquisition is still in progress, it is too early to indicate the time by which construction work is likely to start.

[Translation]

#### **Permanent Residences for Army Personnel in Kota Cantonment**

900. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the army cantonments in Rajasthan where temporary and permanent residences are built for the Army personnel;

(b) whether any temporary arrangement have been made for the regiment in Kota Cantonment;

(c) whether some cantonment land has been let out for residential purposes;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to build permanent residences for army personnel in these cantonments;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (g). In Cantonment/Military Stations, permanent accommodation is normally built for Army Person-

nel. However, at certain stations, due to shortage of funds or other reasons, temporary accommodation is built for troops, to be subsequently replaced by permanent accommodation. Accommodation has been built for Army Personnel at two Cantonments at Ajmer and Nasirabad and at 14 Military Stations in Rajasthan as under:-

- (1) Alwar
- (2) Barmer
- (3) Jalpa
- (4) Bharatpur
- (5) Jaipur
- (6) Jaisalmer
- (7) Jhunjhunu
- (8) Jodhpur
- (9) Banar
- (10) Kota
- (11) Pokhran
- (12) Udaipur
- (13) Mount Abu
- (14) Jassai

2. Kota is not a Cantonment but a Military Station. Construction of both temporary and permanent accommodation for army personnel has been approved for this Station.

3. 80 Officers quarters, 188 JCOs quarters, 1022 ORs quarters are under construction in various Military Stations/Canton-

ments in Rajasthan. 1244 quarters for officers, 1364 quarters for JCOs and 6451 quarters for other ranks have already been completed in various Cantonments/Military Stations in the State.

4. No defence land has been let out for residential purposes at Kota. However, about 172.58 acres of land at Nasirabad Cantonment and 9.35 acres of land at Ajmer Cantonment are held by private individuals on Lease/Old Grant terms for residential purposes which is permissible under the rules.

#### **Sericulture and Silk Production in Rajasthan**

901. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme of silk production or sericulture has been introduced by the Central Silk Board in Kota Bundi and Jhalawar districts of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the amount spent under the said scheme on various heads so far with the result thereof;

(c) whether any centre has been closed down by the Government in the State; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). In order to supplement the efforts of the State Government for development of sericulture, the Central Silk Board (SCB) had started a Research Extension Centre at Dhakhar Kheri Farm in Kota district of Rajasthan during 1981-82, which was reorganised as Technical Service Centre